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PROFESSOR YOUNG,
Dean of Residence.

Trinity College,
TORONTO

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June 22nd, 1915.

Dear Mr President:

May I commend
to your notice in connection with
the vacant Associate-Professorship
of German in University College
the name of Professor Barker Fairley
of the University of Alberta? I
met him in Leeds when you and
I were there three years ago, he
being a delegate also to the Congress
and likewise a student of Professor
Schüddorff. From Alberta I hear
excellent reports of him. He
would be well worth while and he
would "fit-in", not only with Mr. Kiedler,
but with us of the other colleges.

As you said at the
last meeting of Senate, it is
absolutely necessary that we should
all work in harmony for the best
interests of the University. That
would be impossible, I fear, if, as I
hear ^{it is likely} you were to procure the appoint-

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meant of Mr Gilbert Waterhouse.
The accounts I have of him from
England, as well as his own
letters, go to show that he is by
no means so desirable as we
would have it appear. And
he is almost certain to cause trouble.

I trust that you will pardon
what may seem to you to be a
liberty that I am taking. But
in the Modern Languages Depart-
ment we have suffered badly
because of the character of the
staff in University College. Now
that some of the obstacles to advance-
ment and harmony have been
removed, I for one, and I think others
would agree with me, should very
much deplore the appointment of a
man who seems so unlikely as
Mr Waterhouse to fit himself in.

I trust also that my mention of
Professor Barker Fairley will not prejudice
you against him, for he is an exceedingly
good man. Yours faithfully
The President
University of Toronto.
A. H. Irving.

June 23rd, 1915

Professor A. H. Young,
Trinity College,
Toronto.

Dear Professor Young:

In the absence of the President I beg to
acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst. and to
say that it will receive the President's attention on his return
to the office on Friday of this week.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

June 25th, 1915

Professor A. H. Young,
Trinity College,
Toronto.

My dear Professor Young:

Many thanks for your letter with its recommendation of Professor Fairley. I am writing to President Tory to find out something more about him. It seems to me I heard of some trouble, but it may be a trifling affair.

Mr. Waterhouse is not coming to Toronto. He has just been elected to Dublin. From the combined information that I had received from a variety of what I regarded as quite trustworthy sources I thought we should have been fortunate to get him. I had no idea that you had such a strong view with regard to his unsuitability. All that I knew was that you did not think him as suitable as another candidate. I hope that when we get our place filled the new occupant will be found agreeable to the rest of the staff.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 30th, 1915

Professor A. H. Young,
Trinity College,
Toronto.

Dear Professor Young:

Many thanks for your letter. I have
written to Mr. R. W. Gordon asking him for information about
Professor Fairley of Alberta.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.